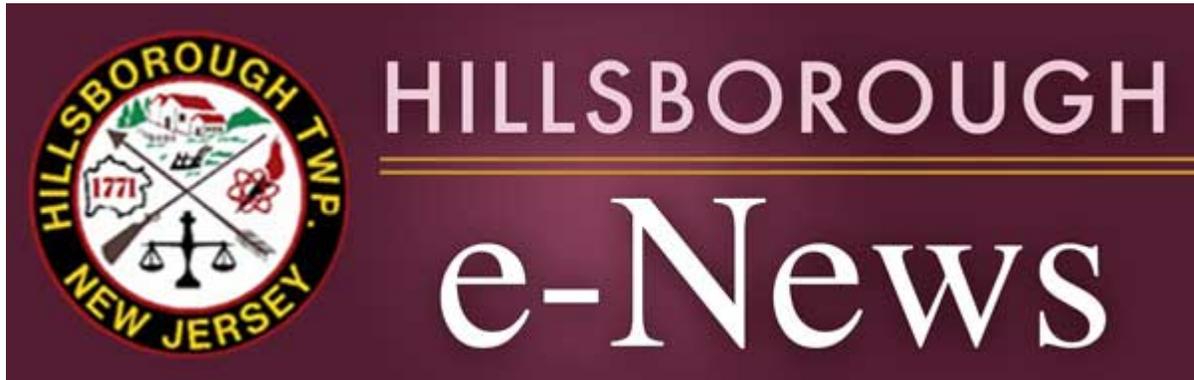


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**Mike Merdinger Memorial Trails  
Dedication**

Saturday December 1, 2018  
11:00 am  
29 East Mountain Rd.  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Township News**

**[Todd Johnson Recognized for Developing  
Girls Jr. Raider Lacrosse Program](#)**

In 2010 Todd Johnson established a girls lacrosse program via the Jr. Raiders organization. His goal was to introduce lacrosse in a motivating and enthusiastic atmosphere where fundamental skill building is coupled with strategic game instruction.

The program quickly expanded from 1 team of 5th & 6th grade girls to 6 teams for girls in 3rd & 4th through 7th & 8th grades.



### [Eagle Scout Stephen Trampe Honored with Proclamation](#)

Stephen Trampe, a Senior at Hillsborough High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 89, has recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Stephen's Eagle Scout Project consisted of constructing a steel shed to house a community emergency response trailer and items for the Somerset Community Garden. The project involved 147 hours of labor by 14 scouts and adults.



### [Robo Raiders Host Annual BoroBlast Competition](#)

On November 17th, Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson attended the annual BoroBlast event, held by Hillsborough High School's robotics team, Team 75. This free First Lego League competition introduces students in grades four through eight to real-world engineering tasks by challenging them to build LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities, and through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society.



### [New Restaurant, Gabbar, Opens in Hillsborough](#)

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Hillsborough's newest restaurant, Gabbar, A Culinary Odyssey in Hillsborough to celebrate the recent grand opening. Mayor Gloria McCauley was joined by David Kois, Business Advocate, Toni Natale, EBDC Member and Chef/Owner Dharam Singh.



## Township Events

### Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday November 30, 2018

6:00 pm

### Hillsborough Municipal Complex



### Mike Merdinger Memorial Trails Dedication

Saturday December 1, 2018

11:00 am

29 East Mountain Rd.



### Menorah Lighting

Friday, December 7

7:00 pm

Temple Beth-El, 67 Rt 206, Hillsborough



Shabbat Chanukah Service,  
 Consecration of New Religious School Students  
 and  
 Community-wide Menorah Lighting  
 Sixth Night of Chanukah  
 Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.  
 Temple Beth-El, 67 Rt 206, Hillsborough  
 Bring your family's favorite chanukah and seven candles!  
 Being held in conjunction with Hillsborough Township.

### Hillsborough The Good Life

Season 4 - Episode 1

Watch Now!



### News You Can Use

#### Rotary Club of Hillsborough Organizes Community Event at YMCA to Pack Holiday Gifts for Troops Abroad

A caring message and a few simple pleasures from home can make a big difference to our service men and women serving abroad. That is the underlying mission of Operation Shoebox, a Hillsborough-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing our troops serving abroad with their favorite snacks and toiletries. The Rotary Club of Hillsborough is proud to support their mission for the seventh year running with the Club's annual holiday packing event, scheduled for Saturday, December 1, from 10:30 AM to 2 PM, at the Hillsborough YMCA (19

East Mountain Road, Hillsborough, NJ). Members of the community are invited to participate in this special event to assemble the gift packages.

[Read More](#)

On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Wreaths Across America will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery - Hillsborough to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by visiting the [Wreaths Across America Website](#) and clicking the red "Sponsor" button. Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

Thank you so much for supporting Sacred Heart Cemetery - Hillsborough and Wreaths Across America!



## Department Updates

### Building Department

#### *Winterize Your Home*

Autumn is here and Winter is just around the corner. Don't wait until it is too late to start winterizing your home. When water inside pipes freezes, it causes pressure inside the pipe, and when the pressure get too high, the pipe ruptures. We recommend to insulate pipes in crawl spaces to create warmth. Also, If you are planning on leaving for an extended period of time, do not shut your heat off completely.

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### Engineering

#### *Engineering Inspections in the Winter Months*

The Engineering Department reminds residents that site inspections cannot be conducted if the area to be inspected is snow covered.

If additions, pole barns, garages, driveways, in ground swimming pools etc. are in the process of being constructed and a resident needs a final Engineering site inspection for certificate of occupancy it is recommended that the site work be completed before it becomes snow covered.

If the inspection needs to be delayed until spring, the Engineering Department requires that a cash escrow be submitted and a temporary certificate of occupancy be issued until the site work can be verified. Once the site work is verified, the cash escrow can be returned and a permanent certificate of occupancy can be issued.

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### Finance Department

#### *Dog License Renewal*

The Finance Department will begin mailing out 2019 Dog License renewals in mid-December. Payments for these renewals cannot be made until January 2nd. Pet owners are reminded that, in order to renew your dog's license, their rabies vaccine must be valid through October 2019. Please watch the Township website for the date and time of the 2019 annual rabies clinic.

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### Health Department

Flu Vaccination Clinics will be held in cooperation with Walgreens of Hillsborough on the following dates: Tuesday, October 2, and October 16 from 3 to 6 PM at the Hillsborough Municipal Building. Please see

### Flu Vaccination Clinics

the Hillsborough website, Health Department, "Get Ready for the Flu" for cost and acceptable insurances.

### Radon Kits

The Health Department is distributing free radon test kits to residents on a first come, first served basis. These kits are not intended for residences built after 2002. If you live in a house that was never tested and was built on or before January 1, 2002, these kits will help you to determine your risk and what prevention system, if any, is necessary. One kit per residence will be provided.



### Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Health Department will provide free rabies vaccinations to cats and dogs of NJ residents in January 2019. Please check back on our website in December.



### OEM

#### JCP&L November- Topics for this Month

- Put the Heat on Safety
- It's Better to Give!
- Put the Freeze on Scammers
- Be an Energy Scrooge
- Looking for Help?



### Public Works

#### Leaf Program Information

Hillsborough Township provides both a [Leaf Pick Up](#) and a [Drop Off Program](#), which runs from November 1st through the end of December. The Drop Off program is located at the Auten Road Facility. The purpose of this program is to assist residents with the removal of fallen leaves.

The Public Works Department urges residents to follow the instructions pertaining to the Leaf Collection Program posted on their website. It is against Township ordinance to place leaves in the street, and with the early arrival of winter weather, leaves piled in the street made snow removal extremely difficult. Plow drivers were not able to distinguish snow piles from leaf piles and inevitably the leaves were pushed all over the roadway and into the storm drains. Crews have now returned to the task of picking up leaves and will continue until all of the piles are removed.

Check the Public Works page on the Township website for updates to the [Leaf Pickup Schedule](#) and for information on how to prepare your leaves.

### Social Services

#### C.A.N. Provides Assistance for Families in Need During the Holiday Season

As the holidays quickly approach, many residents are planning gatherings for family and friends. While this should bring joy to those planning for the holidays, it can also increase stress for those who are already struggling to provide groceries for their family.

In an effort to help reduce some of the stress from holiday planning, the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (CAN) was able to provide Holiday meals for those residents in need. One of the features of CAN's program is the ability of the recipient to redeem a voucher at a local grocery store and choose a turkey, ham or lasagna, based on the wishes of the family.

The meals provided were made possible through the teamwork of multiple local residents and organizations. This included many donations from individuals, and larger donations from local organizations throughout the community.

Many of these donations enabled the participants to gain valuable community service hours for organizing, delivering and sorting the items received.

## Library

- [Connect with Your Community Through Winter Holiday Programs at Your Library](#)
- [The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's \(SCLSNJ\) Staff Appreciation Morning is on Thursday, December 6. All SCLSNJ branches will open at noon.](#)

## Township Job Line



**Hillsborough Township is currently looking to fill the following position:**

- Building Maintenance, Part Time

[More Information](#) | [Download an Application](#)

## Important Dates

December 5th	Board of Adjustment Meeting	7:30 pm
December 6th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
December 13th	Planning Board Meeting	7:30 pm
December 11th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
December 18th	Township Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

[All Boards & Commissions Meeting Dates](#) | [Community Events](#) | [Library Events](#)

## Community Events

Visit the [Community Events Calendar Page](#) on the Hillsborough Township Website to see what's happening around town or to post your event

Click on flyers for more information

### Breakfast With Santa

December 1st  
8:15 am & 10:45 am  
Woods Road Firehouse

### Togetherhood Craft Activity

December 2nd  
2 - 5 pm  
Hillsborough YMCA



### **Robo Raiders Basket Auction**

December 7th  
6 pm - 9 pm  
Auten Road Intermediate School

### **Meet and Greet Santa**

December 8th  
11 am - 2 pm  
Sunnyside Gifts - 381 Triangle Rd (Near Wawa)

### **Bridgeway Holiday Bazaar**

December 8th  
10 am - 3 pm  
270 Rte 28 Bridgewater

### **Operation Shoebox Packing Event**

December 9th  
12 pm - 4 pm  
354 Route 518 Skillman

### **Food Drive to Benefit C.A.N.**

December 9 - 16  
Sunnyside Gifts - 381 Triangle Rd (Near Wawa)

### **Annual Craft Fair at the Princeton Elks**

December 9th  
12 pm - 4 pm  
354 Route 518 Skillman

### **Mid-Winter: the feasts and festivals of December**

December 9th  
3 pm - 4:30 pm  
Church of Saint Charles Borromeo, 47 Skillman Road, Skillman NJ

### **5th Annual "i have a Voice" Gala**

March 30th  
6 pm - 11 pm  
Bridgewater Marriott



